



# Arizona Department of Public Safety

**-For Immediate Release –**

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## **Department of Public Safety Canine Officer seizes 350 pounds of marijuana from a pickup truck that attempted to elude him**

On January 29, 2009, at about 9:30 A.M. an Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS) Canine Officer attempted to stop a white 1993 Ford pickup truck who was observed committing several traffic violations, eastbound on Valencia Boulevard near Old Nogales Highway (Tucson area). The driver of the pickup failed to stop and yield to the DPS vehicle.

After it was apparent the pickup truck was not going to stop, the officer turned off the emergency equipment and continued to follow the pickup eastbound on Valencia from a safe distance. In the area of Park Ave. and Drexel the officer observed the pickup stop and three subjects fled on foot from the pickup. The officer was able to apprehend the driver of the pickup. A Pima Community College Police Department Officer, who was on scene, apprehended the second subject. The third subject is still at large at this time.

A check of the vehicle uncovered 350 pounds of marijuana. The marijuana has an estimated street value of \$210,000.00. The driver and one passenger were arrested and booked into the Pima County Jail

Suspect/Driver: Santos F. Traslavina, 65, from Rio Rico, Ariz., charged with:

1. ARS 28-622.01 Unlawful flight
2. ARS13-3405.A1 Possession of marijuana
3. ARS 13-3405.A2 Possession of marijuana for sale
4. ARS 13-3405.A4 Transportation of marijuana

Suspect/Passenger: Alfredo Madrigal, 35, a Mexican national, charged with:

1. ARS 13-3405.A1 Possession of marijuana
2. ARS 13-3405.A2 Possession of marijuana for sale
3. ARS 13-3405.A4 Transportation of marijuana

This enforcement action is part of the Arizona Department of Public Safety's continued effort to disrupt and dismantle criminal organizations that grow or manufacture, transport, and sell illegal drugs, in order to make communities in Arizona and across the United States safer places to live.

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Note: Photos are available.

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